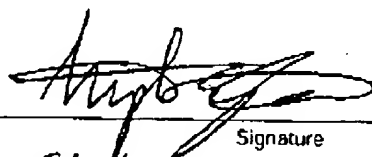


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action in the above identified application dated April 22, 2003. The response is filed on behalf of the Applicants under 37 C. F. R. §1.34. Claims 1-8 are currently pending in the application. Claims 9-16 have been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a restriction requirement. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider claims 1-8 of the above identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks on their merits and to pass the above mentioned claims to allowance at this time.